



1900 Map of Trolley Routes, King and Meeting Streets



1944 Map of wetlands with modern-day overlay of I-26 and I-7



DASH Shuttle



Photograph of 1900's electric trolley

Historical Research:

The Trolley Barn's historical significance should be considered, and included, in any redevelopment of the building

- King and Meeting Streets, as well as the rail right-of-way, were the dominant routes in and out of the city of Charleston.
- The Trolley System, which originated in the 1860's, followed the established transportation routes.
- The site was historically positioned in a low lying area. The introduction of the rail line aided in the upward development of this area by providing passage.
- The Trolley Barn was constructed in 1897, when the horse drawn system was converted to electricity.
- The Trolley Barn is exemplary of nineteenth century buildings across the country with the same purpose.
- By 1912 there were several trolley lines which ran throughout the peninsula.
- As demand for public transportation grew so did the Trolley Barn complex, which expanded until the site was filled around 1928.
- On 10 February 1938, electric trolley service was retired and the system (including the barn) converted to buses.
- In the late 1960's, I-26 was superimposed over the inactive rail right-of-way, following but once again revising the historic entrance into the city.
- Charleston Area Transit Authority [CARTA] and the Downtown Area Transit [DASH] assumed the role of public transportation and the Trolley Barn went over to private use and ownership.
- Today, DASH shuttles mimic the historic trolley cars.

- King and Meeting Street
- Railway
- I-26
- Trolley Lines



1906 photograph of Trolley Barn